

HERITAGE

Welcome Spring! I am so excited that the outdoor weather is Friday Social, April 22nd at 1-3pm. quickly approaching. We will be getting ready for some great trips, some nice walks and a lot of socialization! The Lowell Lions Club will be specified.

Attention Tai Chi class students, the Tai Chi classes will be moving from Friday's to Tuesday's, beginning Tuesday, April 5th from 10:15-11:00 am. There will be one final Friday class, held on April 1st.

The City of Lowell Public Health Nurse will be available after the monthly Veterans' breakfast, to do blood pressure checks, The clinic is being held 2 hours following the breakfast (beginning May 13th) . Thanks, Lowell Public Health Staff!

Also, at the Veterans breakfast this month, we will have a speaker from the "PACE" program. This is a great program for seniors in need of social day care but want to remain in their own homes. All expenses are paid through Medicare and some secondary insurances. The day care programs offer socialization, meals, doctors/nurses, wound clinics, hairdresser, movies and more!

Come join us for a "Soups on" contest day with Sheila Rooney from Wingate of Belvidere. On Thursday, April 14th @ 11 am. Taste tests, door prizes and more!

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- Come celebrate "Cambodian New Year"! The annual celebration will be held at the Lowell Senior Center on Saturday, April 9th! Food, information tables, entertainment and more will be available.

DJ Kevin Reilly will be entertaining on "Earth Day" at the Friday Social, April 22nd at 1-3pm.

The Lowell Lions Club will be sponsoring a Friday Pizza Party, social, on April 29th, from 1-3pm. This event is complimentary. Pizza, chips and beverages will be served. Thank you, Lions Club!

Tufts Health Insurance and Informational Table will be on site on Thursday, 14th from 9-12pm.

STOP! Are you wiring money? You may be falling for a common scam!

- *IRS Imposters-The Internal Revenue Service has demanded payment for back taxes
- *Arrested Relative-You have been told a relative has been arrested and to send money for bail
- <u>*Sweepstakes-</u>You've been notified that you won a contest or sweepstakes and must send money to collect your winnings
- <u>*Tech Support-</u>You have been contacted that your computer is broken and you are asked to send money so it can be repaired

Not sure? Before sending money call the Lowell

Police Department 978-937-3200 or the Lowell Senior Center at (978) 674-1171 and ask for Michelle.

Have a beautiful month!

Michelle Ramalho-Director

There's a lot to like about Lowell

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Office Hours: 8:00 A.M. - 4:00 PM. Monday - Friday

2nd Floor of the Senior Center in the administrative office area

SENIOR CENTER SERVICES

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Outreach Volunteers:

John R. Lawlor ~ 978-674-1174 ~ Jlawlor@lowellma.gov FREE BENEFITS CHECK UP Monday ~ Friday ~ 10 am ~ 3 pm

Carol Violette ~ 978-674-1168 ~ cviolette@lowellma.gov PICTURE **ID** : Tuesday ~ Friday 10 am ~ 2 pm

> Kitchen Staff—978-970-4132 Virginia Valdez & Karl Correa ~ Weekdays Chuck Kuenzler ~ Weekends

S H I N E (Serving Health Insurance Needs for Elders)

Joan Gong ~ 978-674-1172 First come, First served, Mondays ~ 8:30 to 10:30 am

Legal Services Assistance & Referrals For an appointment call: 978-458-1465

Pollard Library ~ 978-674-8634 COA Library Annex ~ 978-970-4186

Lowell Senior Center Hours of Operation:

Monday~ Friday: Open **6:30** am to **4:00** pm Lunch served at 11:30 am Saturday ~ Sunday: Open **7:00** am until **12** noon

Breakfast and Lunch ONLY

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Next meeting: Mon, April 11th at 9:00am — Public Welcome

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Call 978-674-1172

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LCOA Trips

The Motor Coach trips from Ayotte Garage are available for all ages 18-101! All Trips must be paid in full one month prior to travel date. Additional information is available at the 2nd floor Civic Events Office. **LCOA policy:** NO REFUNDS if you do not purchase insurance. **The bus will depart SHARPLY** at the printed time. Roger's Wednesday trips depart from the Ayotte Garage (no charge for parking) unless noted otherwise. **The office is now open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

DAY TRIPS

April 19, Tuesday ... "The Moulin Rouge." Randolph, Price: \$70. Welcome to PARIS, FRANCE!!! Have you ever wanted to experience the Moulin Rouge in Paris first hand? Here is your chance to see a great Parisian style show here in your own backyard. We proudly present to you to the critically acclaimed show "L'Opera Burlesque" and the best part is that its CLEAN entertainment (PG rating, no nudity) show. will be heled at Lantana's in Randolph Massachusetts. Roger's Bus Departs from the Lowell Senior Center at 10:15 am

April 28, Thursday..."One Slight Hitch". Price: \$65.00 Newport Playhouse It's COURTNEY,S wedding day, and her mom Delia, is making sure that everything is perfect. The groom is perfect. The dress is perfect, and the decorations (assuming they arrive) will be perfect. Then like in any good farce the doorbell rings. And all hell breaks loose. So much for perfect! Roger's Bus Departs from the Lowell Senior Center at 9 am

May 17, Tuesday... LIVE in Concert "FACE TO FACE" — ELTON AND BILLY JOEL The Ultimate Tribute Show! Cost \$70.00... Danversport Yacht Club — The Best of Times has done it again! A musical recreation of one of the greatest tours of all times featuring two of the greatest performers of all-time! The real artists toured on a series of shows and were the most successful concert tandem in professional music history "Face to Face". Billy Joel tallied 33 top 40 hits in the US in the 70's, 80's and 90's. Elton John sold more than 300 million records and had more than 50 top 40 hits. Artists Greg Ransom and Mike O'Brien will perform stingily and FACE TO FACEI Roger's Bus Departs from the Lowell Senior Center at 10 am

June 21, Tuesday. . . "Play it Again Sam" "Lobster-fest" Newport Playhouse — PRICE \$65.00 ALLEN has this thing about HUMPREY BOGART, If only he had some of BOGART, S technique... BOOKISH and insecure with women, ALLEN, S hero, Bogey comes to the rescue .with a bevy of beauties played out in hilarious fantasy sequences. Fixed up by friends with gorgeous women, he's so awkward even BOGEY, S patience is tried. ALLEN mostly resembles a disheveled, friendly dog and this is what charms his best friend's wife into bed. It's a tough life, making it in the world of beautiful people but if you can't be a hero it helps to have one. Roger's Bus Departs from the Lowell Senior Center at 9 am

June 23, Thursday. . . The Highwaymen & the Queens of Country! - PRICE \$70.00 At the Venus De Milo, Swansea, MA. A tribute to The Biggest SUPERSTARS of COUNTRY: Reba, Dolly, Willie, Waylon, and Johnny! — need we say more? This is a MUST SEE show and a power-packed performance featuring the greatest SUPERGROUP of SUPERSTARS! This is an INCREDIBLE SHOW full of upbeat, honky-tonk HITS . . . Ring of Fire, Dukes of Hazard and On the Road.

July 26, Tuesday. . . Bon Voyage! & Bon Appetite! . . . The Spirit of Boston PRICE \$65.00 — An Exclusive "Best of Times Event! A Two hour cruise of historic Boston Harbor. The all inclusive event includes everything except drinks and photos. Tour the ship in all its glory as well as the Grand Buffet. . . There is sure to be something to please anyone! — Go back for seconds or thirds. And Rock 'til you dock!!! Professional DJ. Roger's Bus Departs from the Lowell Senior Center at 9:30 am

TRIPS CONTINUED . . . August 11, Thursday . . . Traditional Maine Lobster bake at Foster's Clambake Restaurant in York , ME. PRICE: \$75.00. Aside from slavering a delicious one of Foster's lobsters with all the Fix'n's you will be amazed by one of the most talented man alive: He is a Singer, Comedian, Ventriloquist and Celebrity Impressionist!— Michael Minor. You name it— and he has played there! Caesar's Palace in Las Vegas,, Branson, MO, American Music Theater, Lancaster, PA at the Dixie Stampede and was vocalist for the Shoji Tabuchi Show. He will definitely engage and entertain you with his pin-point impersonations! Michael sings everything from Country, Broadway to Rock "n Roll. Roger's Bus Departs from the Lowell Senior Center at 9 am.

AUGUST 16, Tuesday..."Unnecessary Farce".. PRICE \$65.00 "LOBSTERFEST Newport Playhouse "TWO cops. THREE crooks. EIGHT doors. Go. In a cheap motel room, an embezzling mayor is supposed to meet with his female accountant, while in the room next-door, two undercover cops wait to catch the meeting on videotape, but there's some confusion as to who's taken the money ,who' hired a hit man, and why the accountant keeps taking off her clothes. Roger's Bus Departs from the Lowell Senior Center at 9 am

SEPTEMBER 20, 2016 Tuesday . . . "PLAZA SUITE".......PRICE \$65.00 SURF & TURF Hilarity abounds as 3 suburban couples takes a suite and it turns out to be the one in which they honeymooned 23 (or was it 24) years before and was yesterday the anniversary, or is it today? This wry tale of marriage in tatters is followed by the exploits of a HOLLYWOOD producer who, after three marriages, is looking for fresh fields. He calls a childhood sweetheart. Now a suburban housewife, for a little sexual diversion. Over the years she has idolized him from afar and is now more than the match he bargained for. The last couple is a mother and father fighting about the best way to get their daughter out of the bathroom and down to the ballroom where guests await, Roger's Bus Departs from the Lowell Senior Center at 9 am.



Roger's \$5.00 Trips

Ages 60 to 101!

Bus leaves @ 9:15 am from the Senior Center.
The bus is Handicapped Accessible.

SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

April tickets on sale April 1st

Thursday, April 21 ... Methuen Loop Tuesday, April 26 ... Merrimack Outlet's (Our bus driver is on vacation the first 2 weeks in April)

Limit (4) four tickets per person per trip! No employee or volunteer of the Senior Center is able to purchase tickets on behalf of a Senior Center member.

If you arrive prior to 8 am on date of ticket sales, please make sure to sign your name on the numbered list on Tara's door. Tara will arrive at 8 am and give you your number & the list will be removed from the door & numbers will be distributed upon your arrival.

May tickets on sale APRIL 29

Mon. May 2 . . . Northshore Mall, Peabody, MA

Tues. May 10 . . . The Old Mill Westminister, MA

Thur. May 12 . . . Hampton Beach, NH

Mon. May 16 . . . Historic Newburyport. MA

Mon. May 23 . . . Rockport, MA

Tues May 24 . . . Butterfly Place Tyngsboro, l

Thur. May 26 . . . Kimball's Farm Ice Cream

<u>SPOTLIGHT EVENTS!</u>

Tues. May 17 — Elton John & Billy Joel @ Danversport, (MA) Yacht Club (Book Now)
Thurs. May 19 — Salisbury & Tom's Discount



Two items were donated to the Senior Center this past month. Left is a large tall grandfathers chime clock that was altered to be electric. The other gift is a "Rudolf' Baby Grand Vertical Piano #118346 they are called vertical pianos because of their height and the position of the strings. Rudolf pianos were made by the "Winter" Piano Company, NY in the early 1920's. Spinets are the smallest of the pianos. The piano is a reliable piano produced by experienced makers under an economical system in a successful endeavor, to offer to the trade and the public a musical and durable piano at a reasonable price. They are not especially impressive to gaze upon but they sound beautiful, stay in tune for years at a time, and are loud as hell." The new additions are in the waiting area on the second floor near the elevator.. So, If you know how to play... Come on Down!



Students volunteers from St. Patrick's School visit the Senior Center to help serve at the monthly Dinner-Dance

NEW EVENTS FOR THURSDAY!





Art Class 12pm-2pm



Center for Gerontology Research and Partnerships 2ND ANNUAL HEALTHY AGING – LIVING WELL FORUM

April 22, 2016 University Crossing Moloney Hall 220 Pawtucket St., Lowell Center for Gerontology Research and Partnerships 2ND ANNUAL HEALTHY AGING – LIVING

WELL FORUM 8:30 a.m. Registration* 9 a.m. Welcome

9:15 a.m. Panel Presenters 10-10:15 a.m. Break

10:15-11:15 a.m. Panel Presenters 11:15 a.m. Discussion & Questions

Sponsored by

UMass Lowell Department of Clinical Laboratory

and Nutritional Sciences

UMass Lowell Department of Community Health and Sustainability

UMass Lowell Department of Physical Therapy

UMass Lowell School of Nursing *Light refreshments provided during Registration Public Welcome!

Please RSVP to Laura_Hajjar@uml.edu

Panel Presentation RESEARCH PANEL SPEAKERS:

Deborah D'Avolio, Ph.D., BC-ACNP, ANP Ramraj Gautam, Ph.D Barbara Mawn, Ph.D. R.N. Eric G. James, Ph.D. Kelsey M. Mangano, Ph.D., R.D. Carol C. McDonough, Ph.D

Doctor's, Nurse's & MORE

Blood Pressure & weight check:

Circle Home, Inc. (LVNA)
2nd Tuesday ... 8:00—10:00 am
3rd Tuesday ... 10:00 am—12:30 pm
Albert Gauthier RN
Wednesdays ... 9:30—11:30 am
Commonwealth Nursing
1st & 4th Tuesdays ... 10:00 am—
12:00 pm

Dr. Gregory McNamara—Killer Feet—1st Friday of every month
ONLY IF 5 or more people sign-up
before the 1st Friday of that month.
1st come 1st served. 8-10 am

Dr. George Potamitis from Pro- Rehab—Question and Answer sessions every Wednesday from 10:00 am-11:00 am

Affordable Hearing with Christopher Streeter—Hearing Testing, Hearing Instrument Testing. 4th Wednesday of each Month from 9:30am-11am in Board Room. Please call 978-674-1172 for appointment.

Diabetic Shoes with Steven Carrucci 2nd Tuesday of each month, please call 1-978-758-5378.

NEW ADDITIONAL NURSING SERVICES

The City of Lowell Public Health Nurse will be available on:

The 2nd Thursday of each month from 9:00 A.M. until 11:00 AM for Blood Sugar Monitor Checks. (Please bring your own blood sugar monitor)

The 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month from 9:00 A.M. until 11:00 A.M. for Question and Answer session regarding Health Issues



It may not look it but Gerry Avilia is all smiles just like everyone else in the picture upon receiving a hand made crouched U.S. Flag by Sissy Paradis Sissy had recently made another flag a few months earlier for Zenon Morrisette and Gerry commented about loving to have one ..and before you could say "Jiminy Cricket'..one appeared! At left is LCOA Executive Director Michelle Rarmalho. The flag was presented to Gerry at the Veteran's Breakfast on the second Friday of March Prior to the presentation the audience was informed about the "tab" collection containers used by the Order of the Masons.

Getting Fit & Staying Fit



with Marian Silk

Mondays and Thursdays: 9:00 - 9:55 am

Wednesdays: 8:30 - 9:25 am

\$2.00 per class

(I like to end 5 minutes early so we are out the door in one hour!)

YOGA

with Diana Kyricos

Wednesdays 10-11 am \$5.00 per class

Benefits? Helps with arthritis, flexibility, strength, mobility, range of motion, pain, high blood pressure, breathing, circulation, & stress!

Atma Yoga 978-250-0441

www.atmamoves.com
Diana@atmamoves.com



Mah-Jong

Mondays

12:00—3:00 pm



Country Line Dancing

with Marcella Groulx



Tuesdays 10:00 am— 12:00 pm

\$5.00

Dominoes

If you are interested, please see Charlotte Landry Tuesdays 9:00—11:00 am



Hawaiian Hula Dance Lessons

with Kim Stevens



Mondays 10:00 am

Good for joints And FUN! Are you ready to be a

U. S. Citizen?

Where: International Institute of Lowell

17 Warren St. Lowell. MA Second Floor

Please call 978-459-9031 for an Appointment

Ask for Peter Saati

Citizenship Coordinator

Are you Eligible?

Be a legal permanent resident for five years

or 3 years if married to a legal Citizen

Speak and understand basic English (some are eligible for English exemption)

Basic documents required:

Permanent resident card

* Social Security Card

* Money order or Check for application fee (Many are eligible for fee waiver) See below

* If you receive Benefits like S.N.A.P. (Food Stamps) SSI, T.A.N.F.T.A.F.D.C, MA Health (not all MA Health plans will qualify) bring a letter from agency stating the benefit you receive If applying for fee waiver

Quilting Lessons



Newcomers' welcome!

Wednesdays 12:30—3:00 pm

TAI CHI



Tuesdays 10:15 am & Fridays 10:00 am 8 weeks for \$24 or walk-ins \$5 per class

Helps with: Arthritis, strengthening the Immune system, High Blood Pressure, and Osteoporosis! Acupressure Points also taught: for headaches, stress, upset stomach & more!

Knitting & Crochet Group



Tuesdays 12:00—3:00 pm

Newcomers' welcome!



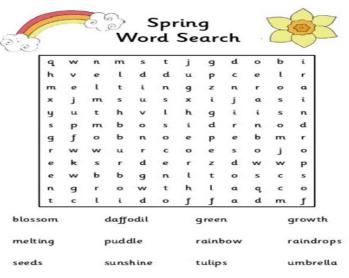
Lowell Firefighters Perform A Mock Drill at the LCOA Veteran's Monthly Breakfast

The Great Hall at the Lowell Senior Center was the ideal space to show all in attendance exactly what happens when firemen/woman have to pull one of their own out of harms way. Public



Education Officer Paul LaChance, Firefighter Anthony Sanetti, firefighter Patrick McCabe, & Captain Tom McCulla were all on hand to conduct a very interesting and informative

procedure. Youth-build teens, (above, lower right) are shown trying on fire gear, worn in the demonstration.



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Card Making Class

First come, first served basis. RSVP to reserve your spot. See Tara.



YOGA for VETs

with Diana Kyricos Wednesday's 11:00 am—12:00 pm \$5.00

It is a chair yoga class in which we cover meditation and movements for posture, flexibility, coordination, and strengthening of the whole body.

B-I-N-G-O

Every Wednesday

12:00—3:00 pm

50¢ per card

6 \$100 games

10 \$40 games

Prize amounts vary due to attendance.

PLUS additional prizes!

F L C O A Sponsored

Community Teamwork, Inc Housing Consumer Education Center Workshops

Financial Assistance/SMART Tenant Workshop - This workshop is geared to those who are applying for financial assistance through the Housing Consumer Education Center. All who are applying for assistance must attend this workshop. The workshop focuses on eligibility and preparing you for the financial assistance application process, which is done by appointment only. Additionally, this workshop teaches you how to build and maintain tenancies, Fair Housing, Tenant Rights, apartment search, negotiating rental agreements, terminating rental agreements, reporting code violations, eviction prevention and how to be a "good tenant".

<u>Legal Service Clinic</u> – A representative from Merrimack Valley Legal Services may be able to provide you with advice around private landlord/tenant housing related issues. <u>Pre-registration is required</u> and participants must be income eligible.

<u>Subsidized Housing Application Workshop</u> – The session is open to tenants and providers seeking information about affordable housing options. Learn about criteria, wait lists and how to apply.

<u>Veterans Informational Education Workshop (VIEW)</u> – This workshop is designed to educate Veterans, their families and providers as to the programs, benefits and services available to them.

Legal Service Clinic workshops require preregistration. If you have questions or wish to pre-register, phone (978) 459-0551

I am a Seenager. (Senior Teenager)

I had everything that I wanted as a teenager, only 60 years later.

I do not have to go to school or work.

I get an allowance every month.

I have a driver's license and my own car.

The people I hang around with are not scared of getting pregnant and they do not use drugs.

Anxiety Support Group

with Steve Coupe Fridays 2:00—3:45 pm





Summit Eldercare program Monday, March 24

10:30 am—12:00 pm

Representatives from Fallon Health will be available to answer any questions that you may have regarding their plans.

Whether you are a current member or someone needing coverage; stop by and learn more!



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Lunch Menu



Lunch is served at 11:30 am. A donation of \$2.00. Menu subject to change.

Lunch Tickets are available daily until 10:30 am. Seniors that arrive later must pay cash and will follow ticket holders.

Funding for our meal program is made possible by: EOEA, Merrimack Valley Nutrition, & City of Lowell.

PLEASE SWIPE YOUR CARD & SIFGN UP FOR LUNCH! See Tara if you need a card.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesda	ay Thursda	ay Friday	Saturday
					1. Crunchy Lite Fish, potato wedges, corn, wheat bread, juice, pudding	2.Stuff Pepper, corn, wheat bread, apricots
3. Roast Pork, peas, potatoe, wheat bread, pears	4. Hotdog & roll, Beans, coleslaw, peaches	5. Chicken Ala King, rice, biscuit, orange	6. Salisbury Steak, potatoe, carrots, wheat bread, juice, pudding	7. Stuff Shell, green beans, wheat bread, pineapple tidbits	8. Fish Cake, potatoes, wax beans, wheat roll, & mix fruit	9. Pork Pie, Peas, wheat roll, apricots
10. Roast Beef, Potatoe, mix veggies, wheat bread peaches	11. Chicken Dippers, rice, carrots, wheat bread & pear	12. Mac. & Cheese, stewed tomatoes, broccoli, wheat bread, pudding	13. BBQ Beef Ribs, potatoes, peas, wheat bread, fruit salad	14. Chicken Broccoli & Ziti, garlic stick, juice, cookie	15. DINNER DANCE Baked Ham	16. Vegetable Lasagna, garlic stick, peaches
17. Roast Turkey, peas, potatoe, stuffing, wheat bread, apricots	18. CLOSED PATRIOT'S DAY	19. Cheese Ravioli, wax beans, wheat bread, fresh fruit	20. Chicken Leg, potatoe, green beans, wheat bread, pears	21. Hamburg & Onions, potatoe, wax beans, wheat bread, peaches	22. Pollock. Rice. Carrots. Wheat roll & yogurt	23. Beef Stew, carrots, potatoes, wheat bread, pudding
24. Baked Chicken, baked potatoe, carrots, wheat bread, juice, cake	25. American Chop Suey. beets. wheat bread. apricots	26. Chicken Patties, rice, carrots, wheat bread, peaches	27. Chicken Filet, scalloped potatoes, green beans, wheat bread, mixed fruit	28. Stuffed Cabbage. Corn. wheat bread fresh fruit	29. Fish Sticks, potatoes, beets. wheat bread. & pears	30. Meatloaf, potatoe, wax beans, wheat bread, pudding

Free Transportation to Center

Seven days a week pick-up and drop off (Except Holidays) to the Senior Center to do errands in the area and have lunch. You MUST call before 9:00 a.m. the day of your ride. Departure is after lunch (appr.12:30 pm-1:30 pm); except Saturday and Sundays which is at 12:15 pm.

Grocery Trips to Market Basket

Tuesdays and Fridays (2-bag limit). Call 978-674-1172 within 48 hours before your requested day. Call Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm to schedule your ride. Seniors are eligible if you do not have a vehicle and are 60 or older.

Copper to Fiber Transition: What Consumers Need to Know

The Department of Telecommunications and Cable (DTC) issues the following advisory about the important transition from traditional copper based landline telephone service to fiber optic based landline technologies. Specifically, Verizon is replacing its traditional copper network in certain communities and migrating customers to a fiber network. Customers receiving landline phone service may be impacted by the transition and should be aware that some features and functionalities on the copper network may differ on the fiber network. You should also know that as a Verizon customer once migrated to fiber network, the price you pay for your current calling plan for landline telephone service will remain the same, until you decide to change it AND landline telephone service delivered over a fiber network is not the same as Verizon's FiOS digital voice service. Please read below for more information about the transition. whether Verizon provides telephone service over copper or fiber network, the DTC will continue to monitor Verizon's performance to ensure compliance with all Massachusetts requirements concerning your consumer rights and protections, service quality, and public safety.

WarchDog Water Alarm

Fellow senior, Bob MacInnis, says this device is a must have!
Recently, Bob's water heater sprung a leak and he had water in his home. It also leaked into the resident's home living below. To ensure this doesn't happen again Bob purchased the WatchDog Water Alarm.
Watchdog detects leaks before costly water damage is caused. It can be placed directly on floors or mounted for installation in a variety of locations, such as under the sink or nest to the washing machine. The 110 dB alarm can be heard throughout the house. This device can be purchased at Home Depot for just under \$12.00 and requires a 9-volt alkaline battery (not included). Thank you Bob!

FEEL GOOD ABOUT HELPING THOSE THAT CANNOT HELP THEMSELVES! The Meals on Wheels is in need of a couple Volunteer Drivers. The Nutrition program of Elder Services is looking for some Meals on Wheels Drivers for the Lowell Area. If you have a few hours a day, a vehicle, available Monday through Friday and would like to help home- bound elders receive a nutritious hot lunch, call us today. If interested or for more information please call Joyce at 978-651-3021 or email jdastou@esmv.org



Beau Paris entertained and kept everyone dancing during his performance at the February Dinner-Dance



Check back for next date & time!

Are you a current member looking to check on your benefits? OR are you looking for new plan choices?

Ask Gerald!

The HMO plan is a Five STAR PLAN with Medicare (one of only 12 in the Country). Enrollment will be open throughout the year.

Personal Computer/ Tablet Assistance

with Pierre & Don

Fridays 9:30—11:30 am

Virus Clean-up on the last Friday of the Month by appointment



CTI Bone Builders Class

Learn how to strengthen your muscles, maintain or increase bone density, improve your balance, build confidence, prevent falls, nutrition & lifestyle changes, & make new friends!

See Calendar for dates & times Call 978-674-1172 to register *Doctor's approval REQUIRED*



MEALS ON WHEELS IN ACTION —For over 300 days a year the production line above works five days a week packaging and delivering over 24,000 "Meals on Wheels" (MOW) for the homebound annually, averaging over 300 meals per day. Eating well is an important part of staying healthy and remaining independent. When it becomes difficult for an elder to prepare a meal, the meals on wheels program can help. Nutrition Programs, funded by state and federal dollars are designed to help provide for the nutritional needs of older adults. Nutritious hot meals are offered at noon time in different venues. Home Delivered Meals (Meals on Wheels) support the nutritional needs of elders age 60 and over who may not be able to cook for themselves or attend congregate meal sites to eat a noon day meal with others. Meals are delivered hot to an individual's home by a volunteer driver who works an established route. Storm packs, frozen meals, and special dietary meals are also available. Shown at left are MOW staffers Site Mgr. Cheryl Roy, Renet Pierre, Don McGrath, Stacey Drees and Site Aid, Linda Vieira. Shown at right are representatives of TRINITY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE that made deliveries on March 24 to those in need. From the left, Christopher Dick, Director of Business Development, Joyce Dastou, Area Manager of MOW of Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley and John Chemaly, Co-owner and President along with his partner (absent at time of picture) Gary Sepe, Co-Owner & Executive Vice President.





Support Group for Suicide Attempt Survivors

The Samaritans of Merrimack Valley, a program of Family Services of the Merrimack Valley, is running a support group for suicide attempt survivors. This support group is for anyone who has attempted suicide over age 18 and in need of connecting with others who have been through the same experience. During the 8 weeks, topics such as safety planning, coping skills, self-care techniques and events that lead to your suicide attempt will be discussed. We do require attendees to be in therapy at the time of enrollment and throughout the 8 weeks. If you are not in therapy, but are interested in joining, please contact us for a referral. The size of the group is limited to 6 people and you will need to make a commitment to attend all meetings. This suicide attempt survivor support group is confidential, free and led by Craig Miller, an attempt survivor. All participants must complete a registration and intake form and in-person interview. Snacks and Refreshments will be provided.

Our next group is beginning on Thursday, April 7 and ends on May 26 from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm at Family Services of the Merrimack Valley, 430 North Canal Street in Lawrence.

<u>To make a referral or for more information, please contact: Debbie Helms at 978-327-6671</u> **dhelms@fsmv.org** 430 North Canal Street Lawrence, MA 01840 P: 978-327-6670 F: 978-327-6601 www.stop-suicide.org



Circle Home sponsored a active and well attended presentation about "Falling" and preventive ways on how to avoid a fall. Among those supporting the informative event were: A. Workers preparing the Hall and prepping the healthy treats.

B. Circle Home Representatives C. Home Modification Loan representative

D. Ladies from Life Care of the Merrimack Valley Alison Hanno, Peggy Ruskey and Holly Ruskey E. Attendees check their answers of their test. E. A blood pressure check

F. Alterative Care Providers

H. Hannaford Groceries and Prescription services.

G. New England/Boston Walk-in Baths and Stairlifts Co.

- I. Physical Therapist Dr. George Potamitis chats with Eileen Malloy
- **J.** A happy visitor takes is all the informative info at the event.





Coming up in downtown Lowell:

Suburban Boston Spring Home Show—April 1, 2 & 3

First Thursdays—Kicks off the season April 7 arts, music, shopping and dining and a special celebration alongside the Lower Locks

Canal Complex including canal lighting and performances.

Garden Brothers Circus—April 15/16 at the Tsongas Center

Looking ahead:

Friday Nights—New series of summer fun every second Friday of the month, May - October. Begins Friday, May 13 in Lucy Larcom
Park

MCC Celebrity Forum—June 3 at the Lowell Memorial Auditorium

Summer Kick-Off—June 17, 18 & 19, Downtown Lowell

At the Tsongas Center in June—the Congress of Future Medical Leaders (6/25-27) and the Congress of Future Scientists (6/29-7/1) returns to the Tsongas Center.

For current information on upcoming events—arts, culture, sports and more—check out Lowell's events calendar.

Home Care Program

Fact Sheet

Home Care Program

The Massachusetts state funded Home Care program designed to help older people who meet income and need guidelines, remain safe and independent at home. Elder Services believes most elders want to remain safe cost or cost shared on a sliding fee scale. and independent in their own homes. Sometimes this More Information becomes difficult when their health begins to decline For more information on our Home Care Program, call with the result being the inability to manage routine tasks of daily living. By providing trusted services and resources, Elder Services can help.



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help and resources to elders who are residents of the Merrimack Valley and who meet certain guidelines. providers and clients. We do not discriminate based on Home care services are designed to help older adults age, race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, maintain their independence at home and in the community. A Care Manager/Registered Nurse team works closely with elders, caregivers, families and community agencies to coordinate and monitor care plans aimed at meeting the health and social needs of each individual.

Services

A Care Manager/Registered Nurse team authorize services provided under contract with community agencies selected for cost and quality. Services may include but are not limited to:

Our staff is organized by teams. While each elder consumer has a primary Care Manager, additional help with issues or questions about care plans is available from our Help Desk Specialist or any member of the Care Management Team. Staff monitor the Care Plan

through periodic home visits. Services may be provided in individual homes or in elder housing complexes where services may be grouped or clustered for cost effectiveness and efficiency.

Cost

To receive services through the Home Care Program, adults, 60 years of age and older, must meet income and need guidelines. Services may be available at no

our Age Information Department at 1-800-892-0890.

- Adult Day Care
- Care Management
- Chore Services (heavy house cleaning)
- Companionship Crisis Intervention
- Home Delivered Meals
- Home Health Care
- Homemaker Services
- Medical Transportation
- Money Management
- Nursing Home Screening
- Personal Care
- Respite Care
- Social Day Care

The state funded Home Care Program provides in-home Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley, Inc. respects and supports diversity of all kinds among staff,



gender identity, disability, marital status, citizenship, national origin, or veteran status. We are a private nonprofit agency supported by state and federal contracts, foundations, corporations and private donations that help provide choices for older adults allowing them to remain safe at home.







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Stroke Awareness Dinner

Join Jonathan Drake, MD, emergency medicine physician, and Jason Viereck, MD, neurologist, to learn the signs and symptoms of stroke as well as lifestyle changes to aid in stroke prevention.







Register by calling 1-877-LGH-WELL or visiting www.lowellgeneral.org/health

STROKE WARNING SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS



ACE DROOPING











IME TO CALL

Wednesday, May 18 6:00-8:00pm

Lowell General Hospital Clark Auditorium 295 Varnum Avenue Lowell, MA

Dinner is provided for this FREE event.



Complete connected care